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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (Original Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, POSITIVE ELECTRODE USING THE SAME AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME the specification of which is attached hereto and/or was filed on as Application No.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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